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PATRICK said that he was in GUY BANNISTER'S office on one occasion and had met, at least once, most of the New Orleans people who have come up in the case. He excepted FERRIE, SHAW, and many who were only witnesses. He knew MIKE McLANEY and LARRY LAGORDE quite well and knew RAGEL, DAVIS, and BARTES somewhat well. He believes that he met ARCACHA, BRINGUIER, and ED BUTLER on one occasion each. Unfortunately, he is so skeptical of the investigation's validity that he saw no point in talking about these people.

PATRICK said that the name THOMAS BECKHAM seemed familiar to him. He recalled that a person in Dallas, FRANK WATERS, had a friend that may have been BECKHAM. He described 'BECKHAM' briefly as 28-30 years old, light skin, medium hair, 5'11".

PATRICK said that he had met CLINT MURCHISON, GORDON McLENDON, and NELSON HUNT at various meetings in Dallas. The purpose of these meetings was to raise funds for raids into Cuba. Often at these meetings, there was talk of killing KENNEDY, but he can recall no specific instance where MURCHISON, McLENDON, or HUNT participated in this talk.

PATRICK advised that WALLY WELCH knew about almost everything that happened in Dallas relating to anti-communist activism during the relevant period. He did not know if WELCH would talk to one of our investigators and did not know where he could be located. He did say that WELCH married oilman TEX FELLMAN'S daughter.

I asked PATRICK if he knew anyone who might be able to pass for LEE HARVEY OSWALD in appearance. He said that JOHN BLOCKER, an aide to ROBERT DE PUGH in St. Louis bore a physical resemblance to OSWALD. He also said that WILEY YATES, a friend of HALL'S in Dallas, could possibly have passed.

PATRICK told me of a Los Angeles area incident regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD in 1959 that he apparently told the office many months ago. He said that when CASTRO took over in Cuba on January 2, 1959, a group wearing 26 July Movement armbands took over the Cuban consulate in Monterrey Park. He said that Monterrey Park police investigators took photos and, among them, one showed LEE HARVEY OSWALD. PATRICK did not indicate that OSWALD was sympathetic or antagonistic to the 26 July people.

PATRICK said that on November 22, 1963, he was in Miami. When the news of the assassination flashed, he immediately thought of LORAN EUGENE HALL. He had spoken with LESTER LOGUE in Dallas one week prior to the assassination and LOGUE told him (by phone) that HALL had returned. PATRICK said that LOGUE did not see HALL in Dallas after the week before the assassination.

PATRICK also advised that ED COLLINS and ENRIQUE MOLINA (a Castro Spy) were in Dallas during November, 1963.

Wally Welch
7024 Iron Gate Lane IA-6-5192

His office (employment service) 6170 Sherry Lane EM-3-6391
He also owned the D-B Lounge FL-1-9037

Gerald Patrick Fenning
c/o Old Wooden Bridge Fishing Lodge
Big Pine Key, Florida

or

Gerry Patrick
c/o Davis
3350 NW 18th Terrace
Miami, Florida

Gerry Patrick
Apt 2
1036 SW 5th Street
Miami, Florida

I was also told that I might contact Ptrick by calling:
San Diego, California
NE-4-1373
Give the code name MIAMI and would be told Patrick's location.

Operation Counterthrust
Box 369
Boulder, Colorado

This organization has the same address as a book sales house owned by Bob Brown mentioned in the enclosed letter.

I was also asked to try to contact No Name Key or Big Pine Key by way of my ham radio outfit and to say that I was calling for Wally Welch, and to give the names Bernie Papy (or Pappy) and Knox Julian.

It is also of interest that the names WALLY, PAP, and BERNIE all appear as instructors of the Guatemalan training program for the abortive Bay of Pigs Brigade. They are all mentioned in the book, BAY OF PIGS, by Haynes Johnson.